### BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. AC-2012-2

RAYMOND YOUNG 40611 Grimmer Blvd., Suite B Fremont, CA 94538

Certified Public Accountant Certificate No. CPA 65676

RAYMOND YOUNG, CPA, AN **ACCOUNTANCY CORPORATION** 40611 Grimmer Blvd., Suite B Fremont, CA 94538

**Certified Public Accountancy Corporation** Certificate No. COR 4887

Respondents.

# **DECISION AND ORDER**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on Tune 28, 2012.

It is so ORDERED

FOR THE CALIFORNIA BOARD OF

ACCOUNTANCY

DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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20	Respondents.	
21	In the interest of a prompt and speedy settlement of this matter, consistent with the public	
22	interest and the responsibility of the California Board of Accountancy of the Department of	
23	Consumer Affairs, the parties hereby agree to the following Stipulated Settlement and	
24	Disciplinary Order which will be submitted to the CBA for approval and adoption as the final	
25	disposition of the Accusation.	
2:6	<u>PARTIES</u>	
27	1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the California Board of	
28	Accountancy. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and is represented in this	
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matter by Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California, by Michael B. Franklin, Deputy Attorney General.

- Respondent Raymond Young and Respondent Raymond Young, CPA, An
   Accountancy Corporation (Respondents) are represented in this proceeding by attorney Mark
   Cohen, whose address is: U.S. Bank Building, 39510 Paseo Padre Parkway, Suite 190, Fremont,
   CA 94538-4716.
- 3. On or about December 3, 1993, the California Board of Accountancy issued Certified Public Accountant Certificate Number CPA 65676 to Raymond Young (Respondent). The Certified Public Accountant Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2013, unless renewed.
- 4. On or about December 5, 2000, the California Board of Accountancy issued Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate Number COR 4887 to Raymond Young, CPA, An Accountancy Corporation (Respondent). The Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on December 31, 2012, unless renewed.

### JURISDICTION

- 5. Accusation No. AC-2012-2 was filed before the California Board of Accountancy (CBA), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondents. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondents on December 16, 2011. Respondents timely filed their Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 6. A copy of Accusation No. AC-2012-2 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

# ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

7. Respondents have carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the charges and allegations in Accusation No. AC-2012-2. Respondents have also carefully read, fully discussed with counsel, and understand the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

- 8. Respondents are fully aware of their legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at their own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against them; the right to present evidence and to testify on their own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 9. Respondents voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waive and give up each and every right set forth above.

### CULPABILITY

- 10. Respondents admit the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. AC-2012-2.
- 11. Respondent Raymond Young agrees that his Certified Public Accountant Certificate and Respondent Raymond Young, CPA, An Accountancy Corporation agrees that its Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate are subject to discipline and Respondents agree to be bound by the CBA's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

### RESERVATION

12. The admissions made by Respondents herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the California Board of Accountancy or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

### CONTINGENCY

13. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the California Board of Accountancy. Respondents understand and agree that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the California Board of Accountancy may communicate directly with the CBA regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondents or counsel. By signing the stipulation, Respondents understand and agree that they may not withdraw this agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the CBA considers and acts upon it. If the CBA fails to

adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the CBA shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.

- 14. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 15. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 16. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the CBA may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

# **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Certified Public Accountant Certificate Number CPA 65676 issued on or about December 3, 1993, to Respondent Raymond Young (Respondent), and Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate Number COR 4887, issued on or about December 5, 2000 to Respondent Raymond Young, CPA, An Accountancy Corporation (Respondent), are revoked. However, the revocations are stayed and Respondents are placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

- 1. Obey All Laws. Respondents shall obey all federal, California, other states' and local laws, including those rules relating to the practice of public accountancy in California.
- 2. Submit Written Reports. Respondents shall submit, within ten (10) days of completion of the quarter, written reports to the CBA on a form obtained from the CBA. The Respondents shall submit, under penalty of perjury, such other written reports, declarations, and

 verification of actions as are required. These declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondents' compliance with all the terms and conditions of probation. Respondents shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the CBA or its representatives.

- 3. **Personal Appearances.** Respondent Raymond Young shall, during the period of probation, appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the CBA or its designated representatives, provided such notification is accomplished in a timely manner.
- 4. Comply With Probation. Respondents shall fully comply with the terms and conditions of the probation imposed by the CBA and shall cooperate fully with representatives of the Board of Accountancy in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondents' compliance with probation terms and conditions.
- 5. Practice Investigation. Respondents shall be subject to, and shall permit, practice investigation of the Respondents' professional practice, including, but not limited to, reviews and compilations. Such a practice investigation shall be conducted by representatives of the CBA, provided notification of such review is accomplished in a timely manner.
- 6. Comply With Citations. Respondents shall comply with all final orders resulting from citations issued by the Board of Accountancy.
- 7. Tolling of Probation For Out-of-State Residence/Practice. In the event Respondents should leave California to reside or practice outside this state, Respondents must notify the CBA in writing of the dates of departure and return. Periods of non-California residency or practice outside the state shall not apply to reduction of the probationary period, or of any suspension. No obligation imposed herein, including requirements to file written reports, reimburse the CBA costs, or make restitution to consumers, shall be suspended or otherwise affected by such periods of out-of-state residency or practice except at the written direction of the CBA.
- 8. Violation of Probation. If Respondents violates probation in any respect, the CBA, after giving Respondents notice and an opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed. If an accusation or a petition to revoke probation is

filed against Respondents during probation, the CBA shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

- Completion of Probation. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondents' certificates will be fully restored.
- 10. Active License Status. Respondents shall at all times maintain an active license status with the CBA, including during any period of suspension. If the certifications are expired at the time the CBA's decision becomes effective, the certifications must be renewed within 30 days of the effective date of the decision.
- 11. Cost Reimbursement. Respondents shall reimburse the CBA \$14, 853.63 for its investigation and prosecution costs. The payment shall be made within six (6) months of the date the CBA's decision is final.
- 12. **Peer Review.** Respondent Raymond Young shall enroll with a Board-recognized peer review program provider by July 1, 2012 and shall have a Peer Review accepted by the peer review program provider within nine (9) months of the date the CBA's decision is final.

### IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that:

1. Restricted Practice. No Audits. Respondents shall be permanently prohibited from performing audits. This condition shall continue until such time, if ever, Respondents successfully petition the Board for the reinstatement of their ability to perform audits. Respondents understand and agree that the Board is under no obligation to reinstate Respondents' ability to perform audits, that the Board has made no representations concerning whether any such reinstatement might occur, and that the decision to reinstate is within the sole discretion of the Board.

### ACCEPTANCE

I have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and have fully discussed it with my attorney, Mark Cohen. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Certified Public Accountant Certificate, and the Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate, Raymond Young, CPA, An Accountancy Corporation. I enter into this

Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree		
to be bound by the Decision and Order of the California Board of Accountancy.		
15/02/12 MM		
DATED: RAYMOND YOUNG		
Respondent and on behalf of Respondent Raymond Young, CPA, An Accountancy Corporation		
I have read and fully discussed with Respondents the terms and conditions and other		
matters contained in the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I approve its form		
and content.		
DATED: 5-31)		
MARK COHEN Attorney for Respondents		
Amorney for Respondents		
ENDORSEMENT		
The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully		
submitted for consideration by the California Board of Accountancy of the Department of		
Consumer Affairs.		
Dated: 5/9/17 Respectfully submitted,		
Kamala D. Harris		
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# Exhibit A

Accusation No. AC-2012-2

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17 18	Certified Public Accountancy Corporation		
	Certificate No. COR 4887		
19	Respondents.		
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21	Complainant alleges:		
22	PARTIES		
23	1. Patti Bowers (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as		
24	the Executive Officer of the California Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs.		
25	2. On or about December 3, 1993, the California Board of Accountancy issued Certified		
26	Public Accountant Certificate Number CPA 65676 to Raymond Young (Respondent). The		
27	Certified Public Accountant Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the		
28	charges brought herein and will expire on June 3	0, 2013, unless renewed.	
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Section 5060 states:

(b) No person or firm may practice public accountancy under any name other than the name under which the person of firm holds a valid permit to practice issued by the board.

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- 7. Section 5062 of the Code provides that a licensee shall issue a report which conforms to professional standards upon completion of a compilation, review or audit of financial statements.
  - 8. Section 5097 states:
- "(a) Audit documentation shall be a licensee's records of the procedures applied, the tests performed, the information obtained, and the pertinent conclusions reached in an audit engagement. Audit documentation shall include, but is not limited to, programs, analyses, memoranda, letters of confirmation and representation, copies or abstracts of company documents, and schedules or commentaries prepared or obtained by the licensee.
- (b) Audit documentation shall contain sufficient documentation to enable a reviewer with relevant knowledge and experience, having no previous connection with the audit engagement, to understand the nature, timing, extent, and results of the auditing or other procedures performed, evidence obtained, and conclusions reached, and to determine the identity of the persons who performed and reviewed the work.
- (c) Failure of the audit documentation to document the procedures applied, tests performed, evidence obtained, and relevant conclusions reached in an engagement shall raise a presumption that the procedures were not applied, tests were not performed, information was not obtained, and relevant conclusions were not reached. This presumption shall be a rebuttable presumption affecting the burden of proof relative to those portions of the audit that are not documented as required in subdivision (b). The burden may be met by a preponderance of the evidence.
  - (d) Audit documentation shall be maintained by a licensee for the longer of the following:
  - (1) The minimum period of retention provided in subdivision (e).
- (2) A period sufficient to satisfy professional standards and to comply with applicable laws and regulations.

- (e) Audit documentation shall be maintained for a minimum of seven years which shall be extended during the pendency of any board investigation, disciplinary action, or legal action involving the licensee or the licensee's firm. The board may adopt regulations to establish a different retention period for specific categories of audit documentation where the board finds that the nature of the documentation warrants it.
- (f) Licensees shall maintain a written documentation retention and destruction policy that shall set forth the licensee's practices and procedures complying with this article. "
- 9. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 58, provides that licensees engaged in the practice of public accountancy shall comply with all applicable professional standards, including but not limited to generally accepted accounting principles and generally accepted auditing standards.
  - 10. Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 68.2 states:
- "(a) To provide for the identification of audit documentation, audit documentation shall include an index or guide to the audit documentation which identifies the components of the audit documentation.
- "(b) In addition to the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 5097(b), audit documentation shall provide the date the document or working paper was completed by the preparer(s) and any reviewer(s), and shall include the identity of the preparer(s) and any reviewer(s).
- "(c) Audit documentation shall include both the report date and the date of issuance of the report."
  - 11. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 68.5 states:
- "(a) Licensees shall maintain, and document compliance with, a written Audit

  Documentation Retention and Destruction Policy which provides for the preservation of audit
  documentation for the full time period required by Business and Professions Code Section 5097.

  The policy and documentation of compliance shall be available to the Board upon request.
- (b) This policy shall provide for the authorized custody, security, access, retention, and destruction of the documentation. This policy shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- (1) procedures for the maintenance of back-up copies of electronic audit documentation at secure locations,
  - (2) procedures for maintaining audit documentation,
  - (3) procedures for approving any changes to audit documentation,
- (4) procedures for approving the destruction of documentation when no longer required to be maintained by Business and Professions Code Section 5097.
- (c) The procedure required by subsection (b)(4) shall provide for identifying the persons, by name or position, authorized to approve the destruction of audit documentation. In the alternative, the procedure required by subsection (b)(4) may be self-executing once the retention period has expired."

# **COST RECOVERY**

12. Section 5107(a) of the Code states:

"The executive officer of the board may request the administrative law judge, as part of the proposed decision in a disciplinary proceeding, to direct any holder of a permit or certificate found to have committed a violation or violations of this chapter to pay to the board all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees. The board shall not recover costs incurred at the administrative hearing."

# APPLICABLE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

- 13. Standards of practice pertinent to this Accusation and the engagement in issue include, without limitation:
- A. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards ("GAAS") issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). The ten GAAS (AU §150), which are interrelated, are discussed in the Statements on Auditing Standards ("SAS"). The SAS are codified, by "AU" number, in the AICPA's Codification of Statements on Auditing Standards. Among the SAS relevant herein, in addition to AU §150 which sets forth the Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and introduces the concepts of "materiality" and "audit risk," are: AU §311 (Planning and Supervision); AU §312 (Planning the Audit); AU § 314 (Understanding Entity); AU §316

(Consideration of Fraud in a Financial Statement Audit); AU §329 (Analytical Procedures); AU §337 (Inquiry of a Client's Lawyer); AU §508 (Auditor's Report).

# FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Gross Negligence)

- 14. Respondents performed an audit for The Cleo Eulau Center for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008, that departed extremely from the professional standards.
- 15. Respondents' gross negligence included the following extreme departures from GAAS in violation of Business and Professions Code section 5100(c):

# **Working Papers**

- A. Respondent's working papers did not contain documentation showing that the audit was properly planned in that the working papers did not contain a written audit plan or documentation of analytical procedures being performed (AU § 150; AU § 311.19; AU § 311.20; AU § 329.01).
- B. Respondent's working papers did not contain documentation that the auditor established an understanding with the client of the services to be performed in that Respondent failed to provide an engagement letter signed by the client (AU § 311.08).
- C. Respondent's working papers did not contain documentation that the auditor considered audit risks and established levels of materiality and tolerable misstatements (AU § 312.69).
- D. Respondent's working papers did not contain documentation that the auditor had an understanding of the entity and its environment and assessed the risks of material misstatement in that the Respondent failed to document his understanding and consideration of the elements of internal control (AU § 150; AU § 314.122).
- E. Respondent's working papers did not contain documentation that Respondent considered the risk of fraud in the audit in that Respondent failed to document that he considered the susceptibility of material misstatement caused by fraud while conducting the audit (AU § 316.83).

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### FOURTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Name of Firm)

18. Respondent's license is subject to discipline under Code section 5060 in that Respondent used an unregistered firm name ["Raymond Young CPA & Associates Inc"] on his web site.

### FIFTH CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Audit Documentation Retention and Destruction Policy)

19. Respondent's license is subject to discipline under Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 68.5, in that Respondent failed to maintain a written Audit Documentation Retention and Destruction Policy.

# <u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the California Board of Accountancy issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Certified Public Accountant Certificate Number CPA 65676, issued to Raymond Young.
- 2. Revoking or suspending or otherwise imposing discipline upon Certified Public Accountancy Corporation Certificate Number COR 4887, issued to Raymond Young, CPA, An Accountancy Corporation;
- 3. Ordering Raymond Young to pay the California Board of Accountancy the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 5107;
  - 4. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: Deamber 9, 2011

Executive Officer

California Board of Accountancy Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California · Complainant

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